

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 June 1963	2. LOCATION Big Spring, Texas Randolph AFB, Texas Webb AFB, Texas	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Satellite Decay <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 16/0650Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE civilian and military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 minute	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one, 2	9. COURSE NE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Firey or steady burning object, generally bluish green turning to white before fading observed to appear to separate into two pieces. No tail or trail. At explosion or separation sound heard. Generally SW to NE flight. Brightness and slowness characterised flight, with duration 5 sec to 1 min. Sighting both ground and air visual. One sighting believed object to be meteorite and helo search made over area where impact appeared to be indicated. Search extended to 4 hrs without result.		11. COMMENTS Sighting characteristic of Satellite decay. Demise of 1963 20B occurred on 16 June. Case evaluated as decay of this object (Vostok 5 rocket body).

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UFO Reported:
Called in by AFLC Cmd
Post. They were passed info
from a Sgt. Lee at SAMMA.
UFO reported in San Antonio
area by aircrew personnel
as well as ground observers
Passed from SW to NE at
about 4-8000 ft. AFLC
queried and received answer
from NORAD that sitting 5
fits with decay of Vostok II

Capt Fransen
D.O.

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ANGLE THEN FADING OUT. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) BRIGHTNESS, SLOWNESS. (2) 4000 TO 8000 FEET, 20 PERCENT TO 25 PERCENT ABOVE SAN ANTONIO HORIZON, TRAVELING SW TO NE. (3) ALL VARY AS TO DISAPPEARANCE EXCEPT THAT OBJECT FADED AWAY.

(4) GENERAL SW TO NE PATH WITH REPORT OF VARIATIONS IN SPEED AND ONE REPORT FROM A C-119 ACFT THAT OBJECT VEERED SHARPLY TO LEFT AND NORTH AND VANISHED AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. (5) FADED TO THE NORTH IN WHITE FLAME. (6) SIGHTED FROM FIVE SECONDS TO ONE MINUTE. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND-VISUAL AND AIR-VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) C-119 CALL SIGN LACE 03, 6500 FEET, NW TO SE, SPEED UNAVAILABLE, KELLY AFB, TEXAS. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: (1) 16/0650Z JUN. (2) NIGHT. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: (1) RANDOLPH AFB CONTROL TOWER. (2) 8 MILES DUE NORTH OF SAN ANTONIO. (3) 1 MILE DUE NORTH OF KELLY AFB. (4) KELLY AFB CIVILIAN POLICE. (5) 47 MILES DUE SOUTH OF SAN ANTONIO. F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS:

(1) CIVILIAN: [REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO; [REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO.
(2) MILITARY: CAPT JACK G. SULLIVAN, 728 TROOP CARRIER SQ, MACB AFB, CALIF; A1C JACK S. ROARK JR AND A1C EDWARD L. HARTGROVE, 2015TH

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"UFO" IAW AFR 200-2, PAR 14, THE FOLLOWING INFO IS FURNISHED:

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: (1) FIERY OR STEADY BURNING OBJECT.

(2) SIZE OF NICKEL AT ARMS LENGTH. (3) GENERALLY BLUISH GREEN TURNING TO WHITE BEFORE FADING. (4) ONE. (5) N/A (6) N/A (7) NO TRAIL OR TAIL REPORTED IN ANY INSTANCE OF SIGHTING. (8) AT ONE SIGHTING AN APPARENT EXPLOSION OR LOW RUMBLE WAS HEARD. (9) ONE REPORT OF HAVING APPEARANCE OF DELTA WINGS BUT MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO FOGGY LOOK OF OBJECT. AT TWO SIGHTINGS THERE APPEARED TO BE A SEPARATION, ONE BURNING OBJECT FALLING AT APPROXIMATELY 45 DEGREE

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UFO REFERENCE AFR 200-2 PAR 14.

A. (1) ROUND FIRE BALL

(2) QUARTER

(3) ORIGINALLY RED, THEN GREEN, TINGE, THEN EXTINGUISHED.

(4) ONE

K5) N/A

(6) NONE

(7) TRAILING FIRE ONE-HALF SIZE OF OBJECT.

(8) WIND BLOWING THROUGH STRUTS OF OLD TYPE ACFT.

(1) E(UFO)

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COMM SQ, RANDOLPH AFB, TEX. G. WEATHER AND WINDS: (1) VISIBILITY GOOD TO 8000 FEET THEN BROKEN CLOUDS AND CLEAR VISIBILITY. (2) CLEAR TO 8000 THEN VERY FEW CLOUD FORMATIONS AND CLEAR ABOVE 8000 FEET. (3) NONE. (4) EXCELLENT. (5) MINIMUM AT 8000 FEET. (6) NONE. (7) UNKNOWN. H. NONE. I. NONE. J. NONE AS OF THIS TRANSMISSION. K. SIGHTING BEGAN AT 06501" 16 JUN LASTING FOR DURATION OF 11 MINUTES. CALLERS ALL READILY IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AND ONLY ONE REPORT FAVERED A POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT OVER FLIGHT. SPEED OF OBJECT WAS DETERMINED TO BE TOO GREAT TO BE CONSIDERED AN AIRCRAFT. ALSO ONLY ONE REPORT OF ANY SOUND CONNECTED TO THE OBJECT. SSGT GARRY K. LEE, COMMAND POST NCO. L. NONE.

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(9) NONE

B. (1) VISUAL

(2) 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON

(3) UNKNOWN

(4) 3-5 DEGREES RATE OF DESCENT, NO MANEUVERS.

(5) FIRE BALL WENT OUT.

(6) 3-5 SECONDS

C. (1) GROUND-VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. (1) 0650" 16 JUN 63

(2) NIGHT.

E. (1) CONTROL TOWER, WEBB AFB.

(2) 5 MI EAST OF BIG SPRING, TEX

F. (1) [REDACTED] 22, [REDACTED] BIG SPRING TEX,

SALESMAN-RADIO ANNOUNCER, FAIR.

(2) CHARLES G. MOORE, TSGT, 420A FLD TNG DTCHMT, INSTRUCTOR,
FAIR.

(3) WILLIAM J. BROWN, TSGT, DET 2053-2 AFCS, CONTROL TOWER
OPERATOR, FAIR.

C.

G. (1) CLEAR

C.

(2) SFC 140/03/PLUS22DEGREESC

C.

6,000 FEET 220/25/PLUS23DEGREES C

C.

10,000 FEET 290/10/PLUS12DEGREESC

C.

15,000 FEET 070/05/-02DEGREESC

C.

20,000 FEET 260/15/-10DEGREESC

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C.

30,000 FEET 250/40/-31DEGREESC

C.

50,000 FEET 270/30/-69DEGREESC

C.

80,000 FEET NO DATA

C.

(3) NONE

C.

(4) 25 MILES

C.

(5) NONE

C.

(6) OCNL LIGHTNING IN DISTANT NW

C.

(7) SEE G.(2)

C.

H. NONE

C.

I. N/A

C.

J. NONE KNOWN

C.

K. MAJOR JOHN M. BARTLETT, BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER. THERE IS
NO DOUBT THAT AN OBJECT WAS OBSERVED AND IT APPEARS THAT
IT WAS A METEORITE. EVIDENCE DOES NOT FULLY SUPPORT THE

C.

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IMPACT POINT AND APPROXIMATELY 4PLUS30 HOURS OF HELICOPTER
SEARCH WAS FLOWN WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE SEARCH WAS
CONDUCTED AFTER PLOTTING ESTIMATES OF POSITION AND DIRECTION
FROM SEVERAL OBSERVERS. DUE TO TERRAIN FEATURES OF WEST

TEXAS FURTHER SEARCH WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

Q1. NONE,

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